



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 157

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

No. 17

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK BEGICH, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, strengthen the desire of our Senators to serve You. May they join You in bringing peace, justice, and order to our Nation and the world. Confirm the wisdom of their service in the joy they receive from doing Your will. Lord, fill them with Your spirit so they can discover creative ways to meet the challenges of our time. Give them courage to change their minds when it is needed in order to travel along a more productive path. Let integrity be the hallmark of their characters.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK BEGICH led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 4, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK BEGICH, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BEGICH thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following any leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes this morning. We have made significant progress on the FAA authorization bill this week and will make more progress next week. The Finance Committee is going to report out legislation on Tuesday, a funding amendment for this most important piece of legislation. We hope to complete action on this bill early in the week of February 14.

Today I will continue to work with the Republican leader on an agreement to vote Monday on the confirmation of several executive nominations.

There will be no rollcall votes during today's session of the Senate.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 289, S. 290, S. 291, EN BLOC

Mr. REID. I understand there are three bills ready for their second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills by title en bloc.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 289) to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 until December 31, 2013, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 290) to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 291) to repeal the sunset provisions in the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and other related provisions and permanently reauthorize the USA PATRIOT Act.

Mr. REID. I object to any further proceedings with respect to each of these three bills.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

S565